

## McConnell Outlines Principles at Republican Party Rally in L. Merion

### Says He Will Work For Reverence, Simplification, Free Enterprise and Government Thrift; Wood Asks For Impressive Victory

Speaking in his own home district Samuel K. McConnell, Jr., Lower Merion commissioner and Republican candidate for Congress, outlined four approaches to government problems which he said would guide him if the people of Montgomery County elected to send him to Washington.

He spoke Tuesday night to more than 200 persons who met for a party rally in the Lower Merion Township Building at Ardmore. Present were committee men and women, party workers and a delegation from the Penn Wynne-Overbrook Hills section of Lower Merion where McConnell lives.

The special election to fill the vacancy resulting from the death of Congressman J. William Ditter will be held on January 18. Peter C. Hess, Lower Merion treasurer, presided at the rally.

McConnell said that the four principles which would guide him were:

1. Reverence for the sacred things of life.
2. The need of simplification in government.
3. The need of keeping alive the spirit of private enterprise and personal initiative.
4. The need of thrift and economy.

Throughout his speech McConnell emphasized again that he believed the postwar world should be built in simple terms that everyone should grasp.

Lloyd H. Wood, State Representative and chairman of the Republican County Committee, declared that it was not only a question of the party winning the election on January 18 but, it was necessary, to win a decisive victory.

Fred C. Peters, Montgomery County Commissioner and Ardmore resident, told those present: "We can help kill government by fear and smear by electing McConnell."

Mrs. Mary Beemer, County Register of Wills and Vice-Chairman of the Republican County Committee, expressed confidence that the women of Montgomery County would do their part in the special election.

Mrs. Caroline Huber, Vice-Chairman of the Lower Merion Republican Committee, reiterated three objectives outlined by Senator Burton of Ohio for the Republicans in 1944. These are to win the war, win the peace and win the election.

Other speeches were made by Dr. Frank P. K. Barker, County Controller and President of the Lower Merion Board of Commissioners; Magistrate Franklin P. Kromer; and John Batchelor, Jr., Chairman of the County Committee.

## Scouts to Launch Sea Scout Ship

### Program Scheduled For January 21 At Penn Wynne

An imaginary odor of the sea will come to Penn Wynne when the S. S. Viking, Sea Scout Ship of the Christ Church, Haverford and Manoa Aves., has its official launching Friday evening, January 21.

And, because the program is one which is expected to appeal to landlubbers, too, the "skipper," Dr. Frederick James, of Wynnewood, invites all persons of the community to attend.

The Viking is a "land ship," which necessarily limits its travels to the church building, and the skipper is proud to say that she was built entirely by the Sea Scouts themselves. Equipment includes a mast, a ship's wheel, a compass, a binnacle, blinker and running lights and an anchor. When this is set up in the meeting room, the effect is quite nautical. Through the winter months, the boys are learning many principles of seamanship which they hope to use on a real cruise during the summer.

The program will give parents and friends, and particularly, boys between 15 and 18 years old who are interested, a chance to see the "ship" in action. Various demonstrations will be given, and appropriate sea charts will be shown. As a special attraction, a color film on Senior Scouting will be shown.

In addition to the skipper, the ship's officers are: Richard Cox, boatswain's mate; Wilmer Turner, coxswain; and Keith Craig, scribe. Crew members are John Abel, Richard E. Johnson, Richard Johnson, Harold Vedova, Larry Tuttle, Howard Bradwaite and William Turner.

Bala Troop 1, Boy Scouts of America, launched its health and safety program for 1944 at a joint safety meeting with other Bala-Cynwyd troops on Monday evening at St. Asaph's Church, Conshohocken Rd. above City Line.

Walter W. Matthews, managing director of the Philadelphia Safety Council and a member of the troop committee, conducted a discussion of Scout safety responsibilities and general safety prevention. His talk was illustrated by sound films.

## Marks 30 Years With Penn Mutual Company

Wallis Boleau, Jr., second vice president of the Penn Mutual Life Insurance Company, celebrated 30 years of service with the company on January 7.

Mr. and Mrs. Boleau, who live at 617 Zollinger Way, Merion, have a daughter, Mary, and two sons, Richard R. and Wallis, 3d, both serving in the U. S. Army. Mr. Boleau has been second vice president of the company since 1937.

## HEADS DRIVE



EDWARD L. DAVIS

## Davis to Serve in 'Army' Campaign

### Cites Great Value of Salvation Army To Servicemen

Edward L. Davis, secretary and treasurer of the Philadelphia Lawn Mower and Manufacturing Company, again will serve as general chairman of the Salvation Army's 1944 Greater Philadelphia Maintenance Fund and War Work Campaign.

Davis served in the A. E. F. in World War I as a first lieutenant in Field Artillery. He is a graduate of Yale University, Class of 1917 and a member of the Sons of the American Revolution. Both of his sons are at present serving in the armed forces.

In announcing his appointment, Brigadier Samuel Hepburn, Divisional Commander of the Salvation Army said the campaign will open April 3 and will include Philadelphia and the four neighboring counties of Montgomery, Delaware, Chester and Bucks.

In accepting the post, Davis said: "I hope I will be fortunate enough to have the same splendid assistance that I received in last year's campaign. Many of last year's workers have already signed up for the new drive. We plan to hold meetings to enlist the business and civic leaders in the campaign and will appoint regular and special committees to carry the message of the Salvation Army to the people of Metropolitan Philadelphia."

"Service men at home and veterans returning from overseas are only too eager to tell what the Salvation Army means to them; that wherever there is a Salvation Army Red Shield Club, there is a touch of home."

"And on the home front, in addition to the regular work of the 22 Salvation Army agencies, the armistice extended by the Red Shield Club and the fleet of Mobile Canteens and Club cars has been greatly expanded since this time a year ago."

## Air Cadets to Present Show at Haverford

The Army Air Force unit at Haverford College will present its own musical show, "Stand by Your Guns" on February 5 at 8.30 P. M. in Roberts Hall.

This benefit performance, written, directed and acted by the Air Cadets, is part of a series of events which will culminate with graduation exercises on February 12. Tickets may be obtained by telephoning Ardmore 3882 between 1 and 5 P. M.

## Legion to Hear Economy Leaguer

The monthly meeting of the Bullock-Sanderson Post will be held Friday, January 14, at 8 P. M. at the Post Home, Ardmore.

J. Lloyd Mahony, assistant to the president of the Pennsylvania Economy League, will speak on "Take a New Lease on Life."

## Lower Merion Destined to Remain King of Court League? Veteran Haverford High Five Will Provide Answer

Will Lower Merion run away with the league for the sixth straight year?

Has Haverford High a strong title contender or just another so-so club?

These questions will be answered when the neighboring rivals clash in the first major basketball game in Section One of the Suburban Conference at Downs gym, Ardmore, Friday night. As usual, there is tremendous interest in the meeting of these arch-foes and a fair-weather crowd is a foregone conclusion.

Lower Merion, state champion for the past three years, is conceded the edge on performances to date, having chalked up seven straight while Haverford lost one of its five games. But Haverford has always given Lower Merion's strongest teams their closest competition in the league in the past and, inasmuch as the Fords have a rangy, veteran club this year, a victory for the underdog is not considered impossible by any means.

In fact, the last time Lower Merion lost in the league was at the hands of Haverford in the first game of the 1940-41 campaign. Since then the Maroons have won 30 straight in the league and has the enviable record of 84 victories in 100 games.

Haverford would give anything to be the first to smash that record and will go all-out in the attempt.

Bill Anderson, Lower Merion's

## Narberth Borough Budget

	1943 Actual Expenditures	1944 Estimated Appropriations
General Government	\$10,170.04	\$11,955.65
Police and Fire	28,646.04	30,917.57
Health and Sanitation	13,228.35	14,805.00
Highways	16,714.33	25,269.20
Library	2,500.00	2,500.00
Recreation	702.37	1,100.00
Miscellaneous	1,336.24	1,350.00
For Debt Service	11,305.51	11,320.00
For Unpaid Bills	2,357.88	1,000.00
Totals	\$86,960.76	\$100,227.42

## Books Afford Many Happy Hours, Says U. S. Navy Chaplain

The value of sending books to men in the Armed Forces as practiced by the Lower Merion Council of Defense is illustrated in the following quotations from a letter of a Navy Chaplain to the Council:

"I wish to acknowledge with warm appreciation receipt of your thoughtful gift of books during the Christmas season. It is intensely gratifying to me and my shipmates to know that a spirit of helpful cooperation and good will exists in the hearts of those from whom we are so widely separated."

"Your gift will afford many happy hours to a great number of men, and the crew joins me in a hearty 'thank you.' May you be richly blessed during the new year with the intangible but satisfying rewards which come as a compensation for worthwhile work such as you are doing. I am familiar with your work in the past and wish you continued success in your undertakings in the future."

## Firemen Praised by Narberth Resident

### Victim of House Fire Says Volunteers Did Splendid Job

The following letter was received by OUR TOWN this week from Mrs. Joseph H. Perry, Jr., of 237 North Wynnewood Ave., Narberth:

To the Editor: "Thank you, paper. I should like to commend the very splendid work done by the Narberth Fire Company during the recent fire at our home on Wynnewood Ave. They were so courteous and patient with a householder who was having the frightful experience of her first fire—and after I was able to think again calmly of all that happened I realized that each volunteer fireman of that company must have come from a home that he, too, treasured to take such splendid care of all of my furnishings in the excitement of what proved to be a big fire."

I hope I shall never have the experience again—but I do know that Narberth householders can feel safe under the protection of their Volunteer Fire Company.

Sincerely,  
Elizabeth Perry.

## Speakman Post Lists Services to Veterans And Their Dependents

The Harold D. Speakman Post No. 356, the American Legion, Narberth, stands ready to give assistance in any matter relating to benefits allowable to or for those in military or naval service, to veterans of such service, and to the dependents of those who die in service or after discharge.

Inquiries concerning such benefits should be addressed to the Post, in care of the Post Service Officer, 281 Montgomery Ave., Bala-Cynwyd, or the Assistant Post Service Officer, 210 Wayne Ave., Narberth.

Because the time of payment of premium, or of filing of reinstatement evidence, is so frequently a material element, insurance premiums or applications for reinstatement of insurance should always be sent direct to the Veterans' Administration.

No fee or other charge for services rendered by the Post or by The American Legion to veterans or their families is ever permissible in such matters.

## Five Million Quota For 4th War Loan

### Jas. A. Lynd Heads Drive in Township And Borough

Five million dollars is the quota for the Lower Merion and Narberth District in the Fourth War Loan Drive which opens Tuesday, January 18, it was announced this week by James A. Lynd, of Merion, District Chairman.

Lynd succeeds Henry D. Harral, who has taken over chairmanship of Montgomery County for the Drive, as Lower Merion and Narberth Chairman.

"Thanks to the splendid organization built up by Mr. Harral in the Third War Loan Drive, this section is all set for the Drive," Lynd said. Every corner of the Township and Borough is organized and will be covered by volunteer workers. It is hoped that not a house will be missed in the canvassing. The success of the drive depends on every individual household," he declared.

Assisting Lynd will be James L. Gardiner, assistant manager of the Ardmore Branch of the Pennsylvania Company, who has again volunteered to handle the technical banking end of the campaign and Mrs. J. H. Gibson, Jr., of Narberth.

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## Imre Kovacs to Be P. T. A. Speaker

### Hungarian Speaker To Be Featured At Fathers' Night

Imre Kovacs, noted Hungarian speaker, will be the feature of the annual Father's Night program to be held at the Narberth School Auditorium, on Monday, January 17, at 8.15 P. M., by the Narberth Parent-Teacher Association.

Mrs. Russell Basler, president of the P. T. A., will open the meeting with group singing, under the direction of Miss Frances Fricke. Following the invocation by the Rev. Carl Hemmery, the salute to the flag will be given by Scout Peter Knapp.

The speaker, Imre Kovacs is well known for his views on Americanism and will draw a comparison between the freedoms in our country and those of the over-run European countries.

His theme will be "The Challenge of Being an American."

The musical portion of the program will be under the direction of Mrs. J. W. Drennen, music chairman, and will consist of selections by Harry Nelson, tenor.

All parents and friends invited.

## County to Elect New Congressman

### Election to Fill Post Of Late J. W. Ditter Tuesday

Voters of Montgomery County, the 17th Congressional District, will elect a new Congressman on Tuesday, January 18, at the first Special Election to be held in the County since 1935.

The Congressional candidates, in the order in which they will appear on the ballot, are Marvin B. Brunner, Worcester, Democratic, and Samuel K. McConnell, Jr., Lower Merion, Republican.

The Special Election, date of which was fixed by Governor Edward Martin, would be necessary to fill the vacancy caused by the death of the County's Congressman for 11 years, J. William Ditter, in an airplane crash on November 21.

Voters of the County Legislative District, the Third also will elect a new Representative in the General Assembly to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Edwin Winner, who took office as County Treasurer on January 3. The Assembly candidates in the order of their appearance on the ballot are: Henry G. Troxel, Royersford, Democratic, and Harold C. Pike, Clifton, Republican.

Polling places of the 191 election districts of the County will be open from 7 A. M. to 8 P. M. The ballot will have two party squares where it will be possible to vote either a straight Republican or straight Democratic ticket.

The entire election machinery of the County will function at the Special Election just as at the Municipal Election on November 2. Judges and Inspectors of Election of the various districts have been notified to report for duty and ballot boxes will be returnable in the basement of the Court House immediately following tabulation of the votes cast.

The affidavits will be made by the Tabulating Board on January 21 and the count of military ballots on January 28.

## Asks Vindication



Lt. Virginia Wight

Bala-Cynwyd WAC who is demanding a full-dress court martial on charges made by her WAC commanding officers that she did not live up to the code of a gentlemanman. At present the charges are being heard before the Army Reclassification Board in Washington. The Board has the power to recommend demotion, dismissal or transfer if the charges are upheld. Her attorney claims it is "persecution of the worst sort."

Lt. Wight is 24 and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Wight, live at 724 Stradone Rd., her father is instructor of physics and chemistry at Penn Charter.

## Mulieres to Hear Pacific Veteran

### C. W. Weidemann to Speak at First 1944 Meeting

The Mulieres of the Narberth Fire Company will hold an open meeting on January 24, at 2.30 P. M. in the active members club room, in Elm Hall, Narberth.

The public is invited to attend this meeting and hear Charles William Weidemann of Wynnewood Ave., Narberth, talk about some of his experiences in the Pacific area.

Weidemann served as a Private First Class in the 5th Marine Corps, and has recently received a medical discharge due to wounds received in action.

This January meeting is the first for the new officers. Mrs. Arthur Goldstein, the incoming president, will introduce the speaker, Mrs. L. B. Edgerton is first vice president; Mrs. John Wetzel, second vice president; Mrs. Eberhard Mueller, recording secretary; Mrs. Joseph White, corresponding secretary; Mrs. E. H. Cockkill, treasurer; Mrs. H. M. Dames and Mrs. W. H. Viegner were elected as directors of the board for two years, and Mrs. Albert Peeney was appointed for one year to fill a vacancy on the board.

Tea will be served to members and guests by Mrs. Joseph White.

## Name Merion Woman to County Staff; County Chairman Appointed Counsel

Appointment of Republican County Chairman Lloyd H. Wood, Evansburg, as counsel for Register of Wills Mary H. Beemer in place of Attorney Harry J. Alker, Jr., Swede St., who held that office for many years, was announced today at a short time after Mrs. Beemer met with the Salary Board, formally named members of her office staff and fixed salaries for them. There is no fixed salary for the counsellorship.

Raymond Hunsberger, Royersford, who has been first deputy Register of Wills since a Lincoln Saxton, North Wales resigned that post was re-appointed by Mrs. Beemer and his salary fixed at \$3,900.

Miss Alma Swartley, Lansdale, a secretary clerk in the office of Mrs. Beemer when she was County Treasurer, has been named deputy in the Register of Wills office at a salary of \$2,700. She will begin her new duties January 15.

Re-appointed as Inheritance Tax Clerks are Miss Inez Trantoulina, Wyndom, and Miss Josephine Chinchilli, Norristown, and Mrs. Anna Kearney, Conshohocken, at \$2,184 each. Armand Lefante, Norristown, has formally been appointed custodian of records at a salary of \$1,656.

Miss Mary Kopenhaver, Norristown, who formerly was employed in the Treasurer's office and left there to accept a post at the Norristown Library, has been named a transcriber in the office at a salary of \$1,500. A clerk and an index clerk are still to be named.

Under the Orphans' Court section of the Register of Wills office John W. Guest, Jr., Polkstown, has been re-appointed at a salary of \$4,400; Frank B. Williams, Upper Merion, Second Assistant Clerk at \$2,384 and Miss Margaret Conover, Lower Merion, Third Assistant Clerk, \$1,656. Miss Mary Grubb, Ambler, and Mrs. Elizabeth Meyers, Norristown, have been named assistant clerks at salaries of \$1,656 each. There are three clerkships still to be filled in this department.

## \$100,227 Budget Approved for 1944; Tax Rate Remains Same as Last Year

### Salary Boosts and Garbage Removal Costs Add to Expenditures; Savings Made in Fire and Police; Report on Highways

Despite salary boosts and increased garbage removal costs Narberth Borough Councilmen held the Borough's tax rate at the same level for 1944 and even lopped \$4,000 off the estimated budget for 1944.

The ordinance they passed calls for a 17 mills tax rate, the same as last year.

The total estimated budget for 1944 is \$100,227.42 compared to \$104,373.09 which was the budget they estimated at the beginning of 1943.

This year's budget was one of the most complicated to estimate in years because of general war conditions and the uncertainty of material prices and the salaries they would have to pay during the new year.

The following increases were included in this year's budget:

Bond of the Borough's Treasurer which has to be paid every year, \$295; increased cost of garbage collection, \$1,169; purchase of specification "E" for road repair as a substitute for county-aid which has been discontinued for the duration of the war.

The following savings were made:

In the cost of fire and police protection, \$2,640.68; in recreation, \$150; in the shade tree appropriation, \$1,000; in general government expenses, \$1,138; in miscellaneous expenses, \$1,400 and for unpaid bills, \$357.88.

During the past year Borough Councilmen have given to general salary increases of five and ten percent. In addition, they gave a \$10 a month salary increase which went only to policemen and janitors.

They were also forced to raise the per hour rate for laborers to meet the labor rates established in other nearby communities.

In an annual report on the highway and sewer department, Walter A. Fox, Chairman of the Committee, said:

"1943 was rather an uneventful year for the Highway and Sewer Department. Most of the work was entirely routine. There were no serious emergencies and no new projects undertaken. A little recapitulation of some items, however, is in order for your information."

"The wage expenditure was \$15,032.83 for 17,327 productive man hours. 60% of this expenditure for wages was for ash and trash collection; 20% was for street cleaning; 4% was for sewer cleaning. The next major item was \$6% for vacations, sick leave and holidays. There was 10% remaining was accounted for by a wide variety of work which this department is called upon to do."

"Indicative of the small amount of activity from a building repair standpoint is the fact that only 13 permits were issued for opening the highways. One revenue permit amounted to only \$135.00. Our equipment and the garage and storage yard facilities have been maintained in excellent condition and we believe the service rendered to the taxpayers has been excellent in spite of the smaller labor force with which we employ and the other difficulties which have confronted us right along because of war restriction."

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## Branches Organize In Red Cross Drive

### Committees Named For 1944 War Fund At Monday Meeting

The 1944 War Fund campaign committees for the Main Line and Bala-Cynwyd Branches of the Southeastern Pennsylvania Chapter, American Red Cross, met at the Ardmore Red Cross Center Monday evening, Mrs. Henry C. Earnshaw, chairman of the Main Line Branch, announced the following committee assignments:

Frederick W. Dreher, chairman; Miss Anne B. Townsend, associate chairman; James B. Francis, vice chairman in charge of business and industry; William L. McLean, Jr., vice chairman in charge of public information; Mrs. Owen J. Toland, vice chairman in charge of fund raising.

The Bala-Cynwyd Branch committee, headed by Mrs. Joseph White, will meet on Tuesday, January 18, at 8 P. M. at the Post Home, Ardmore.

The Main Line Branch committee will meet on Wednesday, January 19, at 8 P. M. at the Post Home, Ardmore.

The Bala-Cynwyd Branch committee will meet on Thursday, January 20, at 8 P. M. at the Post Home, Ardmore.

The Main Line Branch committee will meet on Friday, January 21, at 8 P. M. at the Post Home, Ardmore.

The Bala-Cynwyd Branch committee will meet on Saturday, January 22, at 8 P. M. at the Post Home, Ardmore.

The Main Line Branch committee will meet on Sunday, January 23, at 8 P. M. at the Post Home, Ardmore.

The Bala-Cynwyd Branch committee will meet on Monday, January 24, at 8 P. M. at the Post Home, Ardmore.

The Main Line Branch committee will meet on Tuesday, January 25, at 8 P. M. at the Post Home, Ardmore.

The Bala-Cynwyd Branch committee will meet on Wednesday, January 26, at 8 P. M. at the Post Home, Ardmore.

The Main Line Branch committee will meet on Thursday, January 27, at 8 P. M. at the Post Home, Ardmore.

The Bala-Cynwyd Branch committee will meet on Friday, January 28, at 8 P. M. at the Post Home, Ardmore.

The Main Line Branch committee will meet on Saturday, January 29, at 8 P. M. at the Post Home, Ardmore.





